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1. [] At the request of Congressman Armistead L. Selden, Jr., forwarded 60 copies of the sanitized statement of the DCI before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Shortly after Selden's press conference, his office urgently requested another 50 copies which were delivered.

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2. [] Mr. Neubert at State telephoned in connection with the problem raised with the Department by DOD in connection with a letter from Senator Stennis. Apparently DOD has received an identical letter requesting information on communism in Latin America as had been received by State and CIA. Apparently Yarmolinsky had talked with General Carroll and in turn had discussed their response with McGeorge Bundy and were calling on the Department for assistance. I suggested to Neubert that since State and the Agency had responded in the manner agreed upon, i.e., State sending the Martin statement and the requested OAS report and the Agency sending the classified prepared statement of the DCI before House Foreign Affairs, that DOD could well be in a position of advising the Committee that they know of these responses and that they would have nothing to add to this. Neubert thought this was a good idea and was going to suggest it to General Carroll's office.

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3. [] Dave McGiffert, Assistant to the Secretary (Legislative Affairs), DOD, telephoned indicating Congressman Samuel S. Stratton (N.Y.) had asked for a detailed briefing on the alleged "picture gap." McGiffert indicated that in view of the general White House policy that he thought we should provide this briefing. I countered indicating it was not my understanding that the policy was that the Agency would provide detailed and classified briefings on this subject to every Congressman but rather where necessary, the Agency would make presentations to Committees on this subject. At this point McGiffert was called away and so this problem may not be fully resolved.

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4. [] Roger Hillsman, State Department, telephoned and had a number of suggestions pertaining to corrections in the transcript of the DCP's appearance before House Foreign Affairs Committee. These were all noted and passed on to [] with the request that he take whatever action was necessary with INR in State.

5. [] Advised Gordon Chase in the White House that our proposals for hearings next week were before the Mahon and Stennis Subcommittees pertaining to the "picture gap." I indicated there were no firm dates. He requested to be advised when the times and dates were established.

6. [] Elder advised that, at the Director's request, he was going to take [] down to see Senator Stennis.

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7. [] Delivered to Boyd Crawford, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, the item prepared by DD/I for Mrs. Kelly with respect to [] (See Journal of 23 February.) Mrs. Kelly has since raised two questions which she did not take up in the Committee briefing. One concerned his present address and the other the extent of his activities in Venezuela. I advised Mr. Crawford that I would attempt to get this additional information and be back in touch with him.

8. [] [] PSI, and others regarding my conversations with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, on the subject of [] and the Joint Committee's query to Dr. Jack P. Ruess, of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, on whether some of the presently classified material on the detection of nuclear explosions could be declassified. (See Memorandum for Record for details.)

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